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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Collection of Psychological Warfare Intelligence

I. Problem

1. To accomplish its mission, OPC requires a constant flow of intelligence information adaptable for use in psychological warfare. To date, this material is not being received in OPC either in quantity or in quality suitable for OPC requirements.

II. Discussion

1. The overt collection of intelligence information external to the United States is vested in the United States Armed Forces and the Department of State with the responsibility of each agency delineated under NSCID-2.

2. NSCID-2 defines the areas of collection responsibility of the Army, Navy, Air Force: thus the Department of State is charged with collection of political, cultural and sociological intelligence; Army, military intelligence; Navy, naval intelligence; and the Air Force, air intelligence. Each agency, in accordance with its respective needs, is responsible for economic, scientific and psychological intelligence. It is quite obvious from the system of agency responsibilities that the various departments will give precedence to that intelligence which is of primary interest to its own department and will give only secondary priority to matters of specific interest to CIA and/or OPC. From the OPC point of view, OPC operations are largely unrelated to matters in which other collection agencies are interested.

3. Each of the Attaches and Foreign Service Officers are equipped with a voluminous series of standing requirements which are supplemented from time to time by ad hoc requirements emanating from the office of origin. CIA and/or OPC have asked for very little intelligence that is not available overtly for the asking to an officer located in a given area. However, agency requirements are so voluminous that frequently CIA requirements are lost in the shuffle.

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4. ORS Field Reporting Guides are intended to define United States Government requirements. However, they are voluminous, untimely, largely inapplicable to OPC requirements and are not yet in the hands of field collectors.

5. OSO, charged only with the covert collection of intelligence and with its mission of espionage and counter-espionage, does not have the personnel to satisfy OPC's requirements for overt intelligence.

6. It is believed that a great deal of the information needed by OPC has actually been collected and recorded in the Field, especially by the CIC, but has never been disseminated within the United States (see statement of particulars attached hereto).

III. Conclusion

1. OPC requirements for intelligence, including psychological warfare intelligence, are currently not being met by the overt collection facilities of the United States Government.

2. CIA requirements and especially those of OPC should be streamlined, frequently revised, and given the highest priority in order that this office may accomplish its mission.

3. Intelligence information useful to OPC is available in the field but has not been reported, especially it is believed that material useful for character assassination purposes is available but has not been reported.

IV. Recommendations

1. That action be taken to insure that OPC requirements for the overt collection of operational intelligence receive priority treatment from the field.

2. That the present overt collection structure as envisaged by NSCID-2 is not adequate to satisfy the requirements of OPC, and that consideration be given to one of the following procedures:

a. Increase the Attaches and Foreign Service Officers in key posts with a view to servicing OPC requirements.

b. Charge OSO with the responsibility for overt foreign collection in satisfaction of OPC requirements for operational intelligence.

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c. As a stop-gap measure, to send from OPC a small group for the purpose of immediately exploiting intelligence known to exist worldwide of value to OPC.

d. Establish a separate office within OPC, responsible for the field coordination and collection of intelligence of interest to OPC.


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